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Dear Joshua,

I found it difficult to speak at the ^{Faculty} farewell dinner without becoming emotional, and I prefer to summarize in writing to you my feelings towards you as a chairman of our department. I think I can put them in a nutshell by saying that starting with 1968, the beginning of my sabbatical at Stanford, I have had the happiest and most productive ten years of my life. True, as a friend I have not seen ~~that~~ much of you as I would have liked. Perhaps with the expansion of our interests in various directions ~~the~~ subject of common interest has decreased, in relative terms. Perhaps we have been both so busy with different things, and I have always had great respect for your time. But I have always

greatly appreciated your bibliographic tips, which were both useful, and pleasant reminders of continuing friendship. I hope they continue!

The summer was not too good, with fevers, nausea etc. It is now abundantly clear my kidneys don't function well, presumably because of infection, and Monday 18 I will have surgery, by Stanley as usual, to replace the ureterofistulostomy with an ileal pump. This should decrease the chance of kidney infection and restore the possibility of its diagnosis. Syd Hecker was very helpful throughout the decision process.

It is probably too optimistic to think I will be in a condition to travel on Oct 16, at your installation. However, if I can make it we will come.

Our very best wishes to you and Marguerite,

as ever

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